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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

The following amendments are made to the Abstract:

A method and apparatus ~~[[of]]~~ for decoding turbo codes using a sliding window method is disclosed. In decoding a received sequence using a Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) algorithm, a learning by a backward processing is performed for a predetermined length and ~~second~~ first resultant values of an L-symbol length sequence and second resultant values of a W-symbol length sequence calculated by ~~[[the]]~~ a backward processing are stored. Third resultant values are calculated by a forward processing. The calculation of the third resultant values overlaps in time with the next learning. A decoding symbol output is determined using the third resultant values and the ~~stored first~~ second resultant values of the previous window.